

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Abilities Incredible People Training project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for the project is Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc., located at 264 Route 31 North, Washington, NJ 07882. The funding would be used for providing learning, training, and employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because according to the US Department of Labor's July 2021 report, 43.7% of individuals with a disability have some barrier to employment. The barriers to employment include lack of education or training, the need for specialized features or support at work, and lack of transportation. This program will allow individuals with disabilities to receive education, training, and support resources for distance learning and hybrid learning, leading to employment in the field of technology.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is for purposes authorized by Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. H. Kean, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas H. Kean, Jr.  
Member of Congress